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## **PRESS RELEASE**



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### **PUBLIC INVITED TO CENTER CITY VISION CHARRETTE**

Are you concerned about how changing neighborhood dynamics affect the block where you live? Have you ever aspired to help shape Norman's future?

Project co-sponsors, the City of Norman and the University of Oklahoma, invite the community to join the Center City Vision Design Charrette being held May 12-16 at 127 W. Main in Downtown Norman. The Charrette Studio, located in the Loveworks Building, is open to the public daily on May 13, 14 and 15 from 10AM-6PM.

On Monday, May 12, from 6:00-9:00PM, organizers will host the Charrette Kick-Off with Hands-On Exercises, followed by an Open House on Wednesday, May 13, 5:00-7:00PM, with a Final Charrette Presentation on Friday, May 16, from 6:30-9:00PM. All three meetings are free and open to the public.

Norman's Center City Vision project area includes Downtown's West Main Street and Campus Corner, as well as residential neighborhoods in between, many of which are experiencing rapid change. The project area is generally bounded by Gray Street on the north, Boyd Street on the south, the BNSF tracks on the east and Flood Street on the west.

The word "charrette" refers to a high speed, multi-day intensive workshop in which professionals working with residents, City staff, property owners and elected officials concentrate on specific design problems and present solutions. The Center City Vision Charrette will be facilitated by Bill Lennertz, Executive Director of the Portland, OR-based National Charrette Institute (NCI) with team members to include staff from the firms Opticos Design, Ferrell Madden and Alta Engineering.

Project Co-Chair Mayor Cindy Rosenthal said, "This process is intended to foster broad public participation and the community's direct involvement in decision-making processes about our future. The design studio will be open throughout the day and into the evening during the five-day Charrette as we try to combine good design

and intelligent policies in Norman's Center City to create attractive, livable and walkable neighborhoods supported by successful commercial districts."

Project Co-Chair Richard McKown comments, "My hope is that we can draw up a plan for how to build or rebuild part of our city in a way that connects the University community with Downtown and creates a sense of place for professionals who want to be in the middle of the conversation about inventing the future."

For more information, go to <http://www.normanok.gov/planning/norman-center-city-vision>. You may also contact Susan Atkinson at (405) 366-5392 or email [charrette@normanok.gov](mailto:charrette@normanok.gov).

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